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SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" இந்த ரீஜனல் இன்ஸ்பெக்டர்களுடைய எண்ணிக்கையை அதிகரிப்பதுபற்றி சர்க்கார் யோசனை செய்து வருகிறார்களா? அதற்குக் காரணம் ஏதாவது உண்டா ?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—"அவர்களின் எண்ணிக்கையை அதிகரிப்பதற்கான யோசனை சர்க்காரின் கவனத்தில் இருந்துகொண்டிருக்கிறது." ... ...

Bifurcation of the Cuddalore Municipality.

* 197 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any representation from the residents of Cuddalore Old Town during the period from 1947 to 1954 requesting the Government to bifurcate the Cuddalore Municipality; and

(*b*) if so, whether any action was taken thereon; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The representations were rejected."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" அதற்கு ஏன் அவர்கள் அதைப் பிரிக்கக்கூடாது என்று மறுக்கிறார்கள் என்பதற்குக் காரணம் சொல்ல முடியுமா ?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—" 1947-ம் ஆண்டிலிருந்தே இந்தப் பிரச்னை இருந்துவருகிறது. அது ஒரு பெரிய சரித்திரமாகயிருப்பதால், இங்கே சொல்ல முடியாது. அதை கனம் அங்கத்தினருக்கு அனுப்பி வைக்கிறேன். அதை அவரே படித்துப் பார்க்கலாம்."

Maintenance of travellers' bungalows in the State by local boards.

* 198 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of travellers' bungalows in the State maintained by the local boards; and

(*b*) how many of them have been provided with lavatory convenience?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—" (*a*) 227.

" (*b*) Government have no information."

UNSTARRED QUESTION.

Applications for loans and subsidies for improving the different cottage industries in the State.

15 *Q.*—SRI T. M. DAIVASIKAMANI ACHARIAR : Will the Hon the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to place on the table—

(*a*) the total number of applications received by the Government for loans and subsidies amounting to Rs. 500 and below for improving the different cottage industries in the State since 1953;

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(b) how many of them have been sanctioned and paid, how many were refused and how many are still pending; and

(c) whether any steps has been taken to increase the loan amount to Rs. 1,000?

A.—(a) 1953–54 236
1954–55 61

(b) Number of applications sanctioned and paid—

1953–54 25
1954–55 3

Number of applications refused—

1953–54 155
1954–55 14

Number of applications pending—

1953–54 56
1954–55 44

(c) The question is under examination of the Government.

III.—MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message, dated the 23rd February 1955, from the Hon. the Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly :—

' In accordance with rule 114 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Indebted Agriculturists (Repayment of Debts). Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 2 of 1955), as passed by the Assembly, on the 23rd February 1955 and signed by me, for the concurrence of the Council '.

IV.—STATEMENT BY SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM UNDER RULE 41 (1) OF THE MADRAS COUNCIL RULES.

* SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Mr. Deputy Chairman, under rule 41 (1) of the Madras Council Rules and with your permission, I invite the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Public Works and the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the tragic death of a 7-year old boy by name Papa of Triplicane in Peyalvar Koil Street, as a result of the boy coming into contact with a live-wire, while he was playing near his house in that street in Triplicane. It was a new moon night and there was a large gathering for the *teppam* festival of the Parthasarathi Swami temple. The boy was playing near the lamp post and was electrocuted in the public street. The trap door of the lamp post had fallen and there was only a cardboard tied round at the time. I was there when the accident took place and therefore, I have the personal authority to make this statement with personal knowledge. It is most unfortunate that sufficient precaution had not been taken in spite of the report made to the authorities about the missing trap door. The lamp post has been provided with a door after the incident. There are similar posts still to be seen in that area without trap door, but only covered with a cardboard. This is a serious matter which has resulted in